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SUBJECT: AUSTRIA'S SECOND NUCLEAR POWER PROJECT:

PROPOSED VISIT OF GOA OFFICIALS TO U.S.

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1. SUMMARY. GOA STILL UNABLE PROPOSE SPECIFIC DATES FOR  
NUCLEAR SAFETY STUDY TRIP. AUSTRIANS HAVE PROMOSED, HOWEVER,  
TO PROVIDE IN NEAR FUTURE CLEAR INDICATION OF THE RELATIVE  
PRIORITIES THEY ATTACH TO VISITS TO VARIOUS FACILITIES.

END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED NEXT STEPS ON PROPOSED TRIP  
WITH RICHARD POLACZEK, NUCLEAR ENERGY COORDINATOR IN FEDERAL  
CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE. POLACZEK REMARKED THAT HIS DIFFICULTY  
IS THAT HE MUST HAVE AS DETAILED A PROGRAM AS POSSIBLE WHEN  
HE PRESENTS TRIP PROPOSAL TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS FOR APPROVAL.  
EMBASSY OFFICER EXPLAINED THAT FOR LOGISTICAL REASONS, USG  
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SIDE WOULD NEED DEFINITE PROPOSED DATES FOR TRIP BEFORE A

SPECIFIC REVISED ITINERARY CAN BE WORKED OUT. ACCORDINGLY, IT WAS AGREED THAT AUSTRIANS WOULD REVIEW ORIGINAL SUGGESTED ITINERARY AND PROVIDE EMBASSY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH AN INDICATION OF THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE GOA ATTACHES TO VISITS TO VARIOUS US AND PRIVATE FACILITIES. EMBASSY WILL THEN REQUEST FROM WASHINGTON AGENCIES (A) JUDGEMENT WHETHER OR NOT SUCH A TRIP APPEARS FEASIBLE, AND IF SO (B) A ROUGH REPEAT ROUGH ITINERARY (WITHOUT DATES OR SPECIFIC TRAVEL PLANS). AUSTRIANS STILL THINKING OF A TRIP LASTING APPROXIMATELY 10 DAYS.

3. AS INDICATED REFTEL(B), GOA IS VERY SENSITIVE ABOUT HANDLING OF VISITS TO PRIVATE COMPANIES AND APPZRS TO REGARD THEM AS RELATIVELY LESS INTERESTING FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW THAN US GOVERNMENT FACILITIES. NEVERTHELESS, GIVEN USG COMMERCIAL INTEREST IN OBTAINING AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN SECOND NUCLEAR POWER PROJECT, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT GOA TEAM HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT AT LEAST SOME APPROPRIATE PRIVATE FACILITIES. GIVEN THE 10-DAY TIME LIMITATION, WE BELIEVE THAT IN CHOOSING BETWEEN ALTERNATIVE COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS, PREFERENCE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO

FACILITIES OF FIRMS ACTUALLY BIDDING ON THE SECOND NUCLEAR PLANT. IN THIS REGARD, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WASHINGTON AGENCIES HAVE ON WHETHER OR NOT WESTINGHOUSE INTENDS TO BID ON SECOND NUCLEAR PROJECT. LATEST INFORMATION WE HAVE IS THAT, WHILE WESTINGHOUSE MAY POSSIBLY BE INTERESTED IN SUPPLYING A TURBINE, IT DOES NOT PLAN TO SUBMIT A BID ON THE REACTOR ITSELF. GOA IS WILLING TO DELETE PROPOSED VISIT GO GENERAL ATOMIC IN VIEW THIS COMPANY'S WITHDRAWAL FROM REACTOR SUPPLY BUSINESS.

4. POLACZEK SAID THAT FULLTIME USG ESCORT OFFICER WOULD NOT BE NEEDED FOR TRIP. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT FOR OPTICAL REASONS GOA STILL WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ONE OR MORE USG OFFICIALS ACCOMPANY THEM ON ANY VISITS TO NON-GOVERNMENTAL FACILITIES.

5. EMBASSY ON PREVIOUS REPORTING: 75 VIENNA 9475, 75 VIENNA  
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